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Dear Dr. Florance:

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region (GMR) is happy to support the Southern Illinois Practice Management Network (SIPMN) proposal for an Internet Connection for Health Related Institutions Grant. The six member clinics provide services to medically underserved populations in twenty-five rural counties, which are target populations identified in the National Library of Medicine's *Long Range Plan 2000 - 2005*. I believe that the proposed project will significantly enhance the accessibility of healthcare information to health providers working in SIPMN clinics.

A training plan utilizing a train-the-trainer approach has been designed in coordination with the Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine Library, a GMR Outreach Library. The GMR is committed to supporting the activities of the Southern Illinois Practice Management Network and the SIU School of Medicine Library in carrying out this project.

Sincerely,

Chris Shaffer
Technology Coordinator

cc: Connie Poole, Director, SIU School of Medicine Library